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Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter and the suggestions regarding our preliminary request for support of a program in human genetics. I have gone over the material and attach herewith a revised draft which I hope will meet with your suggestions. Since our conversation in New York, I have met with Dr. Lederberg, Dr. Morten, and Dr. Mortensen and am glad to report that things are moving ahead quite nicely. I am particularly pleased with the enthusiasm that the Department Heads in our Medical School are showing for the development of a program in human genetics.


I was interested in Dr. Miller's comments about the lack of available laboratories in which foreign scholars might be trained in human genetics. I would certainly hope that the Rockefeller Foundation would feel free to send scholars and other appropriate persons to our laboratory for varying periods of work.

While we are on the subject, I am interested in the possibility of having the Dean of an overseas Medical School spend a few months with me learning (for better or for worse) how Medical Administrators develop their ulcers in the United States of America. I believe that we would have an unusual breadth to offer here at Madison because of the relationship with the University, the Hospital, the Nursing School, the Student Health Program and a large variety of research activities. If the possibility ever seems reasonable, I hope that you will remember this.

I am quite distressed to learn of the difficulties surrounding Dr. Varma's desire to remain here for a more extended period before returning to Lucknow. We had no idea that his wishes to remain in the United States were so controversial in India and we have moved quickly to try to straighten things out. I have advised Dr. Mortensen that we should withdraw our offer of a research assistantship and we are transmitting a letter to Wade Oliver setting forth what I hope will be a happy ending to this collection of misunderstandings. I can assure you that, to the best of my knowledge, everyone here acted in good faith.

With kindest regards!

Yours sincerely,


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